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Dr. George E. Bevens,
44 Country Club Road,
Fairmont, W. Va.

My dear Dr. Bevens:

I thank you for your kind letter of January twenty-first.

There is a movement, which has gone forward within the past few years, to have the State Department strengthened because it is the Peace Department. I do not think a movement to introduce a National Peace Department will make any progress in the Congress.

If we should ever have a President who is much opposed to peace, he would be sure to appoint a Secretary of State sympathetic with his views and the State Department would cease to be a Peace Department as it is now, but, also, if there was a separate Peace Department, it would be easy for such a President to appoint an inefficient Secretary, so that it would come to little.

Some day, after you and I are gone, the War and Navy Departments will become unnecessary and there may be a Peace Department and a Defense Department and that will be all that will be necessary.

Thank you for your information,

Very truly yours,

Carrie Chapman Catt

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February 4, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
Whittier, California.

Dear Mr. Page:-

It is on the assumption that you are already familiar with the work which we are trying to do in our Institute of International Relations in collaboration with the American Friends Service Committee that I am writing such an informal note. Could you be with us here at Mills College for the period of June 25th-July 5th, or a part of it? We would like very much to have you here in the San Francisco Bay region if you can possibly make it. Our budget would allow us to set aside \$200 for your expenses. We are planning to have Frederick Libby, Hornell Hart, Senator Nye, and several others, so that I believe that you will find it interesting enough. We could discuss your particular part on the program just as soon as you can let us know whether you are at all available. Please come if you can.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Rusk

February 5, 1935.

Dear Paul:

Louise writes me that things are not going so well, and I am distressed about the news. I would feel much worse if I did not know of your marvelous morale. Every time I see you I glory in your spunk. By all means stay close to a good doctor and take it easy for as long a time as may be necessary.

I am looking forward eagerly to seeing you when I return to California at the end of March. During the last two weeks I have been in New England where they have been experiencing the worst snow storm since 1888. Tonight I am leaving for Ohio where I am to speak at a meeting of the State Council of Churches. I shall be thinking of you constantly.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Paul Pfeutze,
College of the Pacific,
Stockton, Calif.

February 5, 1935.

Dear Louise:

Upon my return to the city this morning I find your letter and am distressed to hear that Paul has taken a more serious turn. By all means you must take him to a place where he will get the best possible medical attention. I do hope that you succeed in securing entrance to Olive View. I wish that I had access to enough money to lift the financial burden from your shoulders. Fortunately I can help out a little and I shall plan to send ten dollars a month, and may be able to get a group of friends to help out. By all means make use of the little amount that I sent before leaving California.

Does this mean that you are more likely to be interested in Whittier? Do you want me to say anything further to President Mendenhall?

I shall be returning to Whittier about March 25th and I want to see you soon thereafter. I cannot begin to tell you how deeply I am impressed with the wonderful spirit you are showing. Fortunately you have access to spiritual resources that are unknown to most people. If you go to southern California soon, by all means drop a line to my wife at 240 South Bright Avenue. Her telephone number is Whittier 424-435. She will be most eager to see you. Please get one idea fixed in your mind: always be quick to call upon me if there is any little thing you think I can do.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Paul Pfuetze,
College of the Pacific,
Stockton, Calif.

February 5, 1935.

Dear Sherwood:

I am sorry indeed that I did not reach Clinton in time to call you before the meeting last night. I got there just in time to go to the platform and when I called you about 9:30 you had gone.

There are a hundred things that I want to talk over with you as soon as possible. I just had a long visit with Henry Crane. At various times during the last few years I have raised the question with Henry as to whether he should not give up his church and devote himself to the ministry at large. He is giving the matter serious consideration. The plan that seems most feasible is that he should give a year's notice to his church, and use the intervening months in preparation for a year's leave of absence, during which time he would experiment with the idea and make up his mind whether he wants to give himself permanently to a national task. I want very much to talk with you about this soon. Henry and Helen are tentatively planning to be in New York next Tuesday, the 12th. Are you free to have a good visit with them at that time. I am in the city part of the time, but will be away at Trenton from about 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. If you could have Jessica send him a wire it would enable him to adjust his plans to yours.

I am off for the State Council of Churches meeting in Columbus, Ohio. I will be back on Saturday. I am eager to see you.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Sherwood Eddy,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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Executive Committee F.O.R.

Special meeting, February 5, 1935.

1. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
2. Membership

A total of 58 new members were added during January.

It is planned to start F.O.R. groups or revive old groups in 45 cities during the coming year. For each of these cities we are preparing the following lists:

1. Active F.O.R. members.
2. Non-contributing members.
3. Pacifist ministers as revealed in the World Tomorrow questionnaire.
4. Old subscribers of the World Tomorrow.
5. Friends of local F.O.R. members who are sympathetic to the movement.

These lists will be sent to each of the 45 cities where they will be used by the local group in a canvass to enlarge our membership. They will also be checked so that our office addresses may be brought up to date. It is planned that in each of these cities and in as many others as possible the clergy and other prospects will be visited in behalf of Fellowship membership.

3. Pacific Coast Committee

Chairman
Through the initiative of Kirby Page and Helen Marston, the Fellowship has recently organized a Pacific Coast committee. It was decided to employ Rev. Allan A. Hunter of Los Angeles as part time ~~secretary~~. The National office guarantees \$250 for the first six months. The remainder will be secured from friends on the coast.

Allan Hunter is minister of Mount Hollywood Methodist Church of Hollywood, Calif. He is the author of "Out of the Far East", a recent book choice of the Missionary Education Movement and numerous magazine articles which have appeared in The Christian Century and other journals. He is widely influential as a speaker to college and forum audiences.

The Pacific Coast Committee is as yet incomplete. It includes the following people:

Allan A. Hunter, Chairman - Minister, Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church, Hollywood, Calif.

Helen D. Marston, Vice-Chairman - Social Worker. 3525 - 7th St., San Diego, Calif.

Ethelwyn Mills, Secretary - 553 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles.

Bishop James C. Baker - 83 McAllister, San Francisco

W. O. Mendenhall - President, Whittier College, Whittier, Calif.

Frank M. Toothaker - 2916 Euclid Square, Los Angeles

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Gale Seaman - Roger Williams Club, 16845 Le Conte Ave., Los Angeles

Kirby Page - Lecturer, Whittier, Calif.
 Arthur Casady - Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif.
 John W. Darr - Scripps College, Claremont, Calif.
 Horace J. Voorhis - Voorhis School, San Dimas, Calif.

4. Boston Group

The executive committee of the Boston group met with Mr. Sayre for lunch on January 21st. It approved of the proposed arrangement with the S. C. M. of N. E., and elected to cooperate with George Paine, the chairman of the Boston group (1) Rev. Clifford O. Simpson to take charge of work among students, and (2) Rev. Alfred Smaltz of Belmont, Mass., in charge of F. O. R. promotion in churches. Messrs. Simpson and Smaltz each promised to devote half a day a week or its equivalent, without pay. George Paine donates space in his office and an indefinite amount of time. The committee is seeking for a few other persons who will donate time for special work on the same basis as Messrs. Simpson and Smaltz. An especial need is for the solicitation of money for local expenses. Mr. Sayre preached in St. James' Church, Cambridge, and addressed a young people's group in Christ Church, Cambridge, the meetings having been arranged by Mr. Paine. Kirby Page was the principal speaker at a Fellowship meeting held the last of January. Richard Gregg is conducting a discussion group.

5. Providence Group

Miss Dwight arranged for a meeting of the Providence group at which Mr. Sayre spoke on Monday evening, January 21st.

6. Washington Group

The chairman visited Washington, January 26th to 28th inclusive, attended meetings of the National Peace Conference, of the Executive Committee of the Washington F. O. R., and a private dinner in the home of Mr. Coleman Jennings at which he was the principal speaker.

After consultation with the Washington committee and Rev. Paul R. Hunter of the Congregational Church at Clarendon, Virginia, it was proposed that Mr. Hunter be appointed executive secretary of the Washington group with the understanding that he will devote a day a week or its equivalent to the work of the Fellowship in the Washington area. The other officers of the Washington group will continue as at present: Russell Clinchy, chairman; Bradford Bayliss, vice-chairman; Gladys Gould MacKenzie, recording secretary and treasurer. Every effort will be made to raise funds from Washington members for expenses, but an appropriation of \$150 is requested from the F. O. R. budget to under-write compensation to Mr. Hunter and Washington expenses up to the first of next June. Mr. Hunter can begin work immediately. This arrangement was approved.

7. Finance

The finance report showed a balance of \$1,298.44 at the beginning of the month and receipts of \$2,956.44 from all sources, or a total of \$4,245.88. Disbursements totaled \$1,767.44, which left a balance of \$2,478.44. There were \$592.77 of unpaid bills. One half of all receipts during the month came in small contributions.

There was a general discussion of finance plans. Steps are being taken to compile a list of possible givers of amounts of \$25 or over so that they may be visited personally.

8. Rogers Case

A case of vital importance to all who share the Fellowship point of view is that of Ward H. Rogers of Marked Tree, Arkansas. A young minister of the Methodist church who lost his pulpit because of his liberal views, Rogers became a teacher under the FERA and an organizer of the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union. In furthering the welfare of the tenants, Rogers did not distinguish between Negroes or white tenants, and held meetings in which both were present in large numbers. Because of his attempts to organize the million and a half share croppers, the most exploited group in the country, and his racial policy, Rogers was first threatened with lynching and then imprisoned on charges of "anarchy." The Tenant's union undertook his defense, hired a lawyer, and appealed to the Socialist party and the American Civil Liberties Union for financial help. After investigating the case, these organizations decided that it is extremely significant and deserved the widest support. The Fellowship was invited, together with the NAACP and various other agencies, to give publicity to it. Because it is significant from the standpoint of economic justice, interracial good will and vital religion, it was voted that the Fellowship help give publicity to it.

9. Peace in the Pacific

A memorandum prepared by the chairman and secretary for Peace-in-the-Pacific meetings, to counter the naval manoeuvres, and signed by Walter Van Kirk, Dr. John H. Lathrop and the chairman, was presented to the National Peace Conference at its meeting in Washington, D. C., January 26th. This memorandum is now being circulated with the minutes of the meeting, to all organizations represented in the National Peace Conference. It was decided to send a delegation to President Roosevelt to urge him to cancel the naval manoeuvres. It was also decided to ask constituent organizations to counter the meetings and parades which will be held in World Good Will Week, May 19th to 26th around the theme "Peace-in-the-Pacific." If the President does not call off the naval manoeuvres all the peace organizations in the country may be asked to hold "peace manoeuvres" on the theme "Peace-in-the-Pacific," during the full period of the naval display. Decision was withheld on this point pending the report of the committee to interview the President. Meanwhile the chairman and secretary of the F. O. R. recommend that the Fellowship should prepare its groups throughout the country for the probable holding of peace manoeuvres May 3rd to June 10th, 1935. This was approved.

10. Committee Organization of the F. O. R.

(1) Edmund Chaffee's resignation on account of lack of time as head of the Industrial Committee was discussed and a procedure adopted to secure his successor.

(2) In order to stimulate interest in the work of the Fellowship abroad and to promote and watch over this phase of our activities, the chairman proposed the creation of a special International Committee with membership as follows: Devere Allen, Madeleine Z. Doty, Harold E. Fey, Conrad Hoffman, Jr., Jessie W. Hugan, Mrs. John F. Moors, Claud Nelson, J. N. Sayre, Kathleen Sayre, Wilbur K. Thomas, Charles A. Thomson, Luther Tucker, Carolina Wood. Mr. Page moved the appointment of this committee with Nevin Sayre as chairman. It was approved.

11. Staff Travel

The chairman will speak in the Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies with the team that is holding meetings on "The Christian Will to Fellowship." He will join the group at St. Petersburg on February 12th and speak in the following cities between then and February 28th: St. Petersburg, Lakeland, Gainesville, Jacksonville and Tallahassee. From March 1st to 10th he will visit points in the South, north of Florida, on an itinerary being arranged by Claud Nelson. From March 25th to April 8th inclusive he will travel in the colleges of New England on a schedule being arranged by Clifford Simpson through the Student Christian Movement of New England.

Harold Fey will spend February 15 to 28 speaking in St. Louis, Columbia, Topeka, Lincoln, Madison and Chicago. From May 1 to 20 he will conduct a series of peace seminars among the younger ministers of the Disciples in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Kentucky.

12. Partnership with Student Christian Movement

The chairman reported that on his recent visit to Boston an arrangement with the Student Christian Movement of New England had been consummated January 19th, 1935, whereby the Fellowship is listed as a cooperating organization on the S. C. M. of N. E. letterhead and is accepted as an integral part of the Student Christian Movement. Our relationship to it will be the same as that of the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and cooperating church boards. We secure representation on the General Committee of the S. C. M. of N. E., and can share in the planning of summer conferences and the general work among students. We are given access to the S. C. M. office in Boston and its lists and are given entrée to S. C. M. circles on New England campuses. The S. C. M. thus becomes the channel for our speakers, literature and promotion of F. O. R. principles. The contribution expected from us is in the furnishing of literature, speakers and counsel. No financial obligations are incurred by either organization to the other. Rev. Clifford O. Simpson of Arlington Heights, Mass. was appointed as our special representative to the S. C. M. of N. E. The executive committee confirmed the foregoing arrangement.

13. F. O. R. Anniversary

The first meeting of the American Fellowship of Reconciliation was held at Garden City, Long Island, on November 12 and 12, 1915. This year, therefore, marks the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the American branch. In what significant way can the Fellowship observe this fact, review its contribution of American life and prepare itself to discharge the increasingly heavy responsibilities with which it is confronted today?

14. Letters

The following mail has gone or will soon go to Fellowship members.

2600 received World Events on February 1.

650 Disciple ministers received a letter from Harold Fey on February 14th with the leaflet "A Powerful and Resolute Fellowship."

3500 friends of Kirby Page received a letter from him urging membership in the F.O.R., and the leaflet "A Powerful and Resolute Fellowship." This was sent at his own expense.

50 group leaders received a letter from Harold Fey with a mimeographed enclosure outlining what local groups can do and asking them to sign up the Volunteer Field representatives for visits.

2600 will receive the new magazine "Fellowship" on about February 15th.

4000 YMCA secretaries will soon receive our leaflet, "A Powerful and Resolute Fellowship," through the courtesy of Mr. Sproul.

15. World Court

Telegrams urging adherence to the World Court was sent to 25 doubtful Senators the day before the matter came to vote. About a half dozen replied.

16. Incorporation of F. O. R.

It was suggested that the F. O. R. might be in a better position to receive bequests if it were incorporated. It was thought that this might be done with little or no expense. Voted and the chairman instructed to learn what is involved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P. M.

HAROLD E. FEY
SECRETARY

MINISTER
GEORGE ESDRAS BEVANS, D. D.
44 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

First Presbyterian Church
JACKSON AND JEFFERSON STREETS
Fairmont, West Virginia

DEACONESS AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY
MISS EMMA POST

Feb. 5, 1935.

Dear Mr. Page:

As you know, Senator Neely has introduced
S. 1442 - a Bill to create an executive Peace Department.
He tells me that he has received fewer than a half dozen letters
of approval, favoring such a department.

Can you help create sentiment to support the
Bill? Letters from you to The Christian Century, The Church
Peace Union & other organizations or persons - would aid
the chances of such a bill being favorable considered by the
Senate.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave
New York

Cordially yours,
George E. Bevans



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives

State House, Boston

Feb. 5, 1935

Kirby Page, Esq
New York City

My dear Mr. Page-

It is my custom when I pick a book I consider really worth while, to put into the front ~~into the front~~ of the same, my personal review.

I am enclosing herewith my summary of your LIVING CREATIVELY. I send a copy of the same to you , partly because I thought such might be of interest to you, but more largely because I think you advocates of peace are missing a vital line of attack , when you do not push the idea of a referendum vote on war.

Best wishes

Roland D. Sawyer

I am a clergyman

61 yrs of age

LIVING CREATIVELY, Kirby Page-
of

Kirby Page is one of our present day workers in the Lord's Vineyard who is active and unsparing of himself in his labors, and who has a very fine sense of values, an alert mind and a keen insight into our present day problems of life. This book sums up several of his written messages into a whole, which makes a challenge to any thoughtful and earnest person. It is chock full of meat, such a chapter as Chap VII, page 53, is splendid reading for any soul, and particularly for a young person. Chap XI lays out a plan as to how one could follow Franklin and systematically improve their leisure. On pages 63, 177, 216, 236, he gives us chapters on the NOBLEST PERSONALITY OF JESUS, which are warm and accurate in their summing up of the Great Galilean, and the first of which, Chap VIII, pp 60 to 68 gives us a thumb-nail portrait of the historic setting of the historic Christ.

Only in one place does Page lose his alertness of mind and accept without analysis a too prevailing idea, viz on page 31, where he is setting forth his program or platform of things to be done in the political and economic realm to give us a better world, and on the matter of WAR, paragraph 8, says the thing we should do is to seek American entrance into the League of Nations.

The League of Nations as a means of preventing war is an exploded thing, and for us to enter it is surrounded with many dangers - the thing to be done, is as Bryan and LaFollette well pointed out - get a referendum vote of the people before war can be declared.

If we could get the nations of the world to take away from their parliaments the power to declare war, and keep to themselves that power, to be exercised only by popular vote, then we would go far toward ending war. The people don't want it, they would not in most cases be misled to vote for it - but a parliament can be carried away, almost as easily as a king.

Roland D. Sawyer

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February 5, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Kirby:

We notice you say in your review of Julius Hecker's book in the Christian Century that he is "a former Methodist minister".

The fact is that he is still a Methodist minister in good standing in our New York East Methodist Conference.

He sees nothing incompatible between Christianity and Communism.

Sincerely yours,

Winifred

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Kirby Page, Esq.,
347 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Kirby:

Last year we sold one thousand fifty-seven LIVING CREATIVELY in paper edition, and five hundred eleven of the cloth edition. In the same period nine hundred and ninety copies were sold of LIVING TRIUMPHANTLY in cloth. I haven't yet had the report for January of this year.

Yours,

SMR:jm

Andover Newton Student Body Association

NEWTON CENTRE, MASSACHUSETTS

Feb 6. 1935

Mr. Kirby Page,
New York City.

800
Hon

Dear Mr. Page.

Enclosed find our small Convarium
which I am happy to send you.

The ten books which you left have been
sold thru the book store, and either the
manager or I will forward the money
later this week. We are delaying to learn
whether or not some student may care to
order more books.

The student were much impressed with
your address here, and it seems to be
pretty generally hoped that you will
come again sometime.

With sincere best wishes for

Cordially yours

Marvin D. Brown.

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Holyoke, Colo.

Feb. 6th. 1935

Mr Kirby Page

East and West

Dear Kirby:

Greetings and salutations! I think of you often and the glorious work you are doing. It is my passion likewise. I have just completed what I hope proves a book on, "Christianity and Capitalism." I spent over a year in research on it and the past few months I have put it together. My thesis is to show the damage to society and in particular, Christianity, wrought by the capitalistic system. It covers somewhat different territory and with a different slant ^{than} your book on "Individualism and Socialism." The enclosed table of contents will give you an idea of it.

I know you are a busy man but I am asking you to look the manuscript over with your criticism and suggestions. I wouldn't ask you to do this if it were ~~not~~ a common adventure and if you were not so well qualified to do this thing.

I didn't want to send the manuscript until I heard from you as I see your address is both the Atlantic and Pacific coast. Is Whittier, Calif. where your wife lives?

You will remember me as the Wesley Foundation pastor for students at Greeley and Boulder Colorado. On the account of decreased income I was forced into the pastorate and here I am.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am,

Sincerely,

J. Clyde Keegan

New York

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Reverend George E. Bevans, D.D.
44 Country Club Road
Fairmont, W. Va.

My dear Dr. Bevans:

I am sorry, but it is impossible for The Christian Century to endorse the proposal which Senator Neeley has introduced into Congress.

We have the highest regard for Senator Neeley, but this particular proposal -- although it is backed by certain members of our editorial staff -- is not one to which The Christian Century is willing to give its support. It is our belief that the state department is, under any proper interpretation of its functions, the peace department of the government.

Faithfully yours,



Managing Editor

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Destroy when you read it
G. E. Bevans

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833 Oak Street, Ludlow, Kentucky.
February 7, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Page:-

The enclosed clipping was taken from the Cincinnati Enquirer this AM and since you apparently have a mis-conception in your criticism of the American Legion, when you say "The American Legion is one of the most dangerous forces operating to destroy peace in American Life".

The American Legion is composed of red blood Americans who know all the horrors of war more than any other society in the U.S.A. today, and they in their four point program have taken the most active step forward to eradicate war, and it is being looked on with favor by the most learned men of the country. I am really surprised that the church is not conversant with the true facts for if they were they could and would exercise sane judgment in expressing their views.

I am a member of the Ludlow Presbyterian Church having been brought up in the church since my boyhood, was teaching Sunday-School at the time of my departure to serve in the World War. During that war Edgar B. Ritchie a member of the same church and my close comrade was killed and our Post now bears his name, and if I do say it myself the American Legion in my home town and in the entire state of Kentucky is honored and respected as one of the most influential organizations among society. We have done much toward civic betterment in our community and then for a learned man of your reputation to cast such reflections upon a group of men who have served their country in time of need, it is just a bit hard to take. I intend to take your article before my class next Sunday and discuss the merits of same, if any merits can be found. Just such misstatements as yours tend to demoralize the rank and file of church goers of today and that is the reason that most churches are on the rocks as was expressed by a learned clergyman who talked to our congregation on last Sunday morning.

I have a family and when my son enters college he will take military training which is so necessary toward the proper development of a real masculine man, and was so evidenced by the State of Ohio in their opinion that military training was compulsory in the State University at Columbus, and I trust that it will not be long before every sane thinking American Citizen will be of the same opinion. Would suggest that before you make many more such talks that you familiarize yourself with the merits of military and the Preamble of the American Legion constitution and you will also become enlightened along this line.

Very respectfully yours,

(copy of Preamble enclosed)

Lewis G. Robinson
Lewis G. Robinson,
833 Oak St., Ludlow, Ky.

lgr
file.

(Over)

I notice your reference that "Any man who says the World Court and the League of Nations are not necessary to world peace, and who claims the United States can get along with them is goofy". May I take this opportunity to quote just one expression from Benjamin Franklin -

"Beware of foreign entanglements"

Would you say Franklin was goofy?

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1416 Hill Street
Ann Arbor, Mich.

February 8th, 1935.

Dear Kirby -

I'm delighted, as usual, over the prospect
of seeing you on the 27th. I'm sure I'm not
worth your generous gift of time and concern -
but I do appreciate it more than I'll ever be
able to tell you. Your letter said that you
could be here morning and afternoon. If we
could plan on you for dinner let me know.
Howard M. Cluskey spoke of you the other day
with such admiration that I thought - I'd like
to have him over to see you when you were
here again.

Affectionately
Laura.

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February 8, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Page:

I Understand you have been attending the Reformed Church in Long Island. If this is a fact, I would like to have you give me your estimate of Stanley Verhey's preaching ability. Is he successful in working with young people?

We would like to consider him in filling the vacancy caused by Dr. W. W. Giles' resignation. Your opinion would be strictly confidential but would have a great bearing on our consideration of him.

Thank you for your kindness.

Very truly yours,

E. G. Jache.

EGJ:M

ANNE GUTHRIE
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Jul. 9-35

Dear Kelsey:

Have you any copies of your
pamphlet on a peace budget left?
If so I'd like about ten copies.

And send with them the same
number of "The Cause & Cure of War"
if it is still available.

We are busily accepting
the usual plans for defense
under the new communist.

It's easy to understand with Japan
so near, and Mandchuria in our
minds. But - did like to do a
little educating if I got the
opportunity.

What is keeping you busy these
days - and how does it seem to
be released from the editor's job?

I'm about to depart for a
junkie of Japan - Hong - Koon -
and a few weeks in Peking.
Why don't you fly on and join me
and tell me what I should think
about the work! Sincerely, June

February 11, 1935.

Dr. George E. Bevans,
First Presbyterian Church,
Jackson and Jefferson Streets,
Fairmont, W. Va.

My dear Dr. Bevans:

Your letter of February 5th came while I was away on a long tour. Unfortunately I have been driven so constantly in recent weeks that I have not yet seen a copy of Senator Neely's bill. I am asking his secretary to send me one, however, and I will see what I can do to stir up sentiment in favor of it.

I hope you will keep me in touch with developments.

Cordially yours,

KP/L

Feb. 11, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City

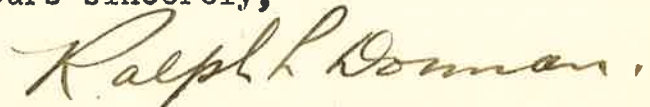
My dear Mr. Page:

You will never know how much we enjoyed your visit to Ashtabula. Saturday three of the leading members of the Episcopal Church told me how much they enjoyed your talk. One of the men, our leading merchant, said, "Why, he is not radical." I was only sorry that more did not hear you. As yet I have not heard from our two utilities men.

The newspaper did about as good as I expected.
Enclosed you will see the clipping.

Thanking you again and wishing you success in your great work, I am

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph L. Donnan".

R. L. Donnan

RLD/AF

February 11, 1935.

Mr. E. G. Jache,
Y.M.C.A.,
125 - 129 Main Street,
Orange, N. J.

My dear Mr. Jache:

In reply to your letter of February 8th, I have never heard Stanley Verhey preach, and therefore I cannot speak from personal knowledge. However, my wife attended his church regularly over an extended period and she was quite enthusiastic about him. I have also heard Mrs. Sherwood Eddy and A. R. Elliott of the Student Division of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. speak with great appreciation of his speaking ability. I like Stanley personally very much indeed, and am impressed with his many fine qualities.

Cordially yours,

KP/L

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February 11, 1935

Dr. Kirby Page
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Page:

I am just writing to express my deep appreciation for the significant contribution you made to the success of our Ohio Pastors' Convention. Everyone present with whom I talked pronounced it the best convention we have ever held.

Our attendance was practically back to pre-depression times. The spirit was fine and the program went off exactly as scheduled.

Everybody was enthusiastic and they frequently mentioned the good contribution you made and we certainly want you to know that we appreciated the sacrifices you made in coming. More power to you! You did a great piece of work.

Cordially yours,


B. F. LAMB

BFL:PH

KIRBY PAGE

240 South Bright Avenue

Whittier, Calif.

February 11, 1935

Dear Friend of Asilomar:

You will be interested to know that Allan A. Hunter has consented to serve as chairman of the Pacific Coast Committee of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. He is planning to devote two days a week for the next few months to visitation of various cities and colleges in behalf of the Fellowship. If a group in your community would like to have him speak on international, racial, and economic questions from the angle of vital religion, you may communicate with him at the Mount Hollywood Congregational Church, Hollywood, California, of which he is the minister.

On Saturday, March 30, an all-day Fellowship Conference will be held in this church. President Mendenhall of Whittier College has tentatively agreed to participate on the program. Allan Hunter and I are expecting to take part in the discussions of the theme: The Strategy of Non-Violence in International and Economic Affairs. I do hope that Asilomar delegates from Southern California can attend this important gathering and that interested friends may be brought along.

On April 3rd and 4th I am expecting to be in Berkeley for a program being arranged by Harry L. Kingston of the Christian Association of the University of California. It will be pleasant to greet Asilomar friends.

After you read carefully the enclosed folder, I hope you will feel impelled to become a member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and to participate enthusiastically in its activities.

Cordially yours,

Kirby Page

P. S. Until the end of March I shall be speaking steadily in the colleges and cities of the East and Middle West. From Berkeley I go on April 5 to Oregon and Washington.

February 11, 1935.

Mr. Claud D. Nelson,
252 Winona Drive,
Decatur, Ga.

Dear Claud:

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter of January 31st, but I have been out of the city. It is kind of you to offer to help arrange my itinerary for next February. The plan that I have in mind is to concentrate upon these regional conferences, bringing in delegates from fifty miles around. Three sessions a day of this sort constitutes a heavy physical strain and I must not attempt more than five days a week, with a break in between, that is, two days, a free day, and then three more days. This means that I will be able to do about ten cities in the period between February 13th and 26th, inclusive. I should think it would be wise to proceed on the assumption that I will be able to do ten days of conferences. The next question is would it be better to spend two days each in five strategic points or to cover ten places in one-day stands. How do you feel about this? If I am going to five centers for two days each, where should I go, and if I decide to go to ten places which ones would you select?

As you know, I want to reach students, faculty members, clergymen and other religious leaders. Would you agree that a coalition committee is desirable where it can be secured? By all means pass along specific suggestions. It is not too early to begin plans for the most effective use of these days.

I have just had time to go through your pamphlet and I want to congratulate you on it. This is a valuable document and I have no doubt that it will be widely used.

I have never done more traveling and speaking than I am doing today and never has the response been so thrilling. Harold Fey is getting a splendid start and we are all very enthusiastic about him.

Affectionately yours,

KP/L

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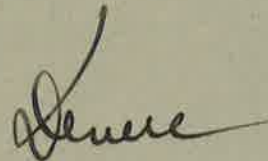
February 12, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Kirby:

I must write you and say that as time has gone on since your book came out on "Individualism And Socialism" I have found it increasingly indispensable, not only for talks but for much of our Socialist legislation here in Connecticut as a background for statistical reference. The stuff you pulled together in those pages is really almost unbelievable.

Affectionately yours,



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February 12, 1935.

Mr. Harry L. Kingman,
Stiles Hall,
2227 Union Street,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Harry:

I am sorry for the long delay in replying to your letter about the United Front, but I have been out of the city. I have written a long article which I think will be printed in The Christian Century in an early issue in which I have tried to discuss this matter in some detail. I am also publishing a short article in the next issue of the Fellowship of Reconciliation magazine.

Cordially yours,

KP/L

February 13, 1935.

Miss Rose Terlin,
National Student Council of the Y.W.C.A.,
600 Lexington Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Terlin:

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter, but I have been out of the city on a long tour.

I think the best way to answer your letter is to send you a copy of my book, "Individualism and Socialism" in which I have a fifty-page criticism of Communism.

Cordially yours,

KP/L

Recd
2/13/35

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
February 13, 1935.

Miss Elizabeth Boyden
Don and J. R. Schooler
George Bullock
W. A. Smith and M. Peck
Stella Sourlock
Dr. Fred Howes

Dear Friends:

Last night Jessie Ruth, Don, George, Ruth Patterson, Vesta Etchison, Harold and Fern spent the evening discussing the proposals for summer study groups in this section of the country. While no official action was taken, the following represents the consensus of opinion:

1. That in view of the fact that there are approximately fifteen people in Stillwater and a similar group near Lubbock, Texas who are definitely interested in a records group, following the Minnesing plan, it is wise for Don and Marshall to proceed with plans for such a group to be held somewhere in the Southwest, probably at Camp Sacramento. While this group would have no official relationship to the Student Christian Movement, it would be included among the summer projects for which we definitely recruit, as Minnesing has always been.

2. That in view of the fact that a number of S.C.M. staff members, faculty advisors, young pastors, have expressed the desire for a study of the records and a reevaluation of religion for these times, particularly as it effects our own movement, that the Rocky Mountain and Southwest regions of the Student Christian Associations call a summer study to precede the Hazen Conference, at Estes Park. In view of the fact that many of the people involved in this conference would be involved in the Hazen Conference, it will be held the three weeks preceding it. Our proposals for the leadership of this group would be:

For the morning study of the records - Fred Howes or the Schoolers
For an evening series on the reevaluation of the message of the
S.C.M. - Kirby Page, Clarence Shedd or President Mendenhall

We are very anxious to have your reaction to these proposals as soon as possible so that we can proceed with plans. Your frank criticism as to leadership and program for the S.C.M. Seminar will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Signed Fern Babcock
Harold Colvin

C.C. to: Winnifred Wygal
Helen Morton
A. R. Elliott
Rachel Timberlake
Carroll Moon
Kirby Page
G. D. Hayes

February 14, 1935.

Dear Mac:

It was good to get your long letter. I am always interested in the details of what you are doing. Sherwood is back, and is as full of life as ever. He is seeing President Roosevelt on Friday and will protest against the naval manoeuvres in the North Pacific. Do keep me in touch with what you are doing. I am just off for Chicago.

Affectionately,

Mr. A. A. MacLeod,
135 Ulster Street,
Toronto, Ont.

KP/L

February 14, 1935.

Dear Art:

It was good to get your report letter and I hope you will keep me in close touch with what you are doing. Kirby Jr. and Mary are now enrolled in Whittier College in California and we are expecting to make Whittier our home for an indefinite time. I am away preaching and lecturing a great deal. Never has my message been so well received as in these days.

What a terrible time you folks must be having during this miserable war. I wish that we could have a long talk about the whole matter. Just now I am rushing off to Chicago. We think of you often and glory in what you are doing.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. A. E. Elliott,
Colegio Internacional,
Casilla de Correo 241,
Asuncion, Paraguay

KP/L

February 14, 1935.

Miss Elizabeth G. Mills,
56 Kingsboro Avenue,
Gloversville, N.Y.

My dear Miss Mills:

It was kind of you to send me the line,
and I have been hoping that further details would
be sent. I appreciate the way in which you came
out openly. What has been the final outcome?

Cordially yours,

KP/L

February 14, 1935.

Mr. Roland D. Sawyer,
House of Representatives,
State House,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Sawyer:

It was kind of you to send me the copy of
your review. I am glad indeed to get your point of
view.

Cordially yours,

KP/L

February 14, 1935.

Miss Winifred L. Chappell,
Methodist Federation for Social Service,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Winifred:

Thanks for your note. I am glad to know that Julius Hecker still retains his relation to the New York East Conference. One cannot escape the conclusion after reading his book on Communism and Religion that his Christianity has been watered down considerably.

Cordially yours,

KP/L

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Kirby Page,
Whittier, Calif.
Dear friend Kirby,-

I just want to write you this brief note telling how glad we were to have you in our fellowship at my house a few days ago. A number of our Disciple ministers have either written me or told me in person that for them it was the high spot of the convention. It was a great experience for a number of our men who had never met you at such close range. They had their appreciation of your ability deepened. In fact one man said it was nothing short of a revelation to him, to hear you answer so quickly and so concisely those rapid fire questions. Not only was the evening one of happy fellowship but I feel that you made one of your best contributions possible in stimulating the minds of these 50 and more preachers at close range.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

C L Johnson

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Mr. Kirby Page
240 South Bright Avenue
Whittier, California

Dear Mr. Page:

Here is all the information for your talks with the L.I.D. I do hope that if you have already left California that this information will catch up with you. It would be dreadful to have you lost somewhere between the coast and Michigan!

Here are a few of the important things we ask our lectures to do. Please plan to take a news release with you on the high points of your talk so that it can be given to the scatterbrained reporters in each city in order that we may have an accurate write-up the next day. This is very important, fill in the report blanks and return them to us after each meeting; glance through the LOOKING FORWARD discussion outline and the general news release that I am enclosing so that you will not duplicate any of the things the first speakers may have said.

I am enclosing a check for \$75 covering your honorarium which may be used toward your expenses, and I know you will remember that we belong to the Proletariat!

We're trying this year to get a much more real understanding to our lecture circuit audiences on the work of the L.I.D. We're shipping to each of our cities several hundred copies of the attached blank to be given to the audience on the night you talk and we are asking our committee to give you the privilege of talking for ten brief but compact minutes on L.I.D. work, the importance of increasing our membership and of extending our activities through contributions.

The top part of the blank is to be kept by the local committee and the response of the audience will quite definitely determine what the committee will do in regard to our lecture circuits for next year. So do your best for the lecture circuits and the L.I.D. and you know how grateful we will be for any memberships you can scare up and any contributions you can get.

This brings best wishes from the whole L.I.D. staff.

Sincerely,

Mary W. Hillyer

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Secretary, L.I.D. Lecture Series

If there are any
changes or corrections we will
write you at once!

mwh:hr

February 15, 1935.

Dear Sherwood:

I had a great time at the meeting of the religious educators at Chicago. I am eager to hear how you came out with Mrs. Blaine and especially with your interview in Washington.

I had a grand talk with Beinie and he is very enthusiastic about the possibility of making the trip. By a marvelous coincidence his furlough is due to begin at the end of May 1936, which is perfect. He is not certain whether he will be able to get an entire year or whether he must be back by February 1st. But at any rate it seems almost certain that he can be free until February 1st.

The only serious problem is the question of their family. They want to have another baby as soon as possible. Since it is eighteen months before time to sail, there is a strong possibility that if everything goes well their second child will be old enough to leave by June 1936. Ursula is very keen on the idea of the tour and says that if possible she will leave the two children, if there is a second one, at her people's in England. Beinie has long planned to make such a trip and is quite excited over the possibility of having the eight of us go together.

You will doubtless want to call him up and talk with him at the earliest possible moment. The more I think about the length of the trip the more I am convinced that we would be wise to plan for a seven months' tour, getting back to New York by the first of February. I have jotted down a rough tentative itinerary. What do you think of it? It seems to me strongly advisable that the party should stay together for at least four strategic cities in China and four cities in India. We could then separate and go to various cities for the remainder of the time. By planning long in advance we could have an all-day conference with strategic people for the purpose of securing insights and sharing convictions.

I will be glad to know how your mind is working with regard to this whole proposition.

Affectionately yours,

KP/L
Encl.

February 15, 1935.

Dear Henry:

Sorry I did not have a chance to drop you a line before rushing off to Chicago. By a marvelous coincidence Reinie's furlough is due to begin at the end of May 1936, which is perfect. He is not certain whether he will be able to get an entire year or whether he must be back by February 1st. But at any rate it seems almost certain that he can be free until February 1st.

The only serious problem is the question of their family. They want to have another baby as soon as possible. Since it is eighteen months before time to sail, there is a strong possibility that if everything goes well their second child will be old enough to leave by June 1936. Ursula is very keen on the idea of the tour and says that if possible she will leave the two children, if there is a second one, at her people's in England. Reinie has long planned to make such a trip and is quite excited over the possibility of having the eight of us go together.

You can see how impossible it is for them to make an unchangeable decision, but I should say that there is a high degree of probability that they may be able to make such a trip.

When Sherwood gets back to the office I will write to you in the light of this information about Reinie. Alma and I will begin to make tentative plans in the direction of the world tour. I am enclosing a suggestion that I am passing along to Sherwood. Do tell us how this strikes you.

I am thrilled beyond words at this glorious possibility.

Affectionately yours,

Rev. Henry H. Crane,
Elm Park Methodist Church,
Scranton, Pa.

KP/L
Encl.

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February 15, 1935.

Dear Reinie:

Unfortunately I have not been able to see Sherwood since I talked with you, but I think he will be calling you up soon. The more I think of the possibilities of that trip the more excited I get. How does the enclosed rough outline of an itinerary appeal to you?

I am just off for a student conference in Northfield.

Affectionately yours,

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr,
99 Claremont Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

KP/L
Encl.

February 15, 1935.

Hon. M. M. Neely,
United States Senate Chambers,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Neely:

I shall deeply appreciate it if you will send me half a dozen copies of your bill, S. 1442, which I understand is for the creation of an executive Peace Department.

Cordially yours,

KP/L
Encl.

February 15, 1933.

Mr. Norman Thomas,
League for Industrial Democracy,
112 East 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Norman:

For a long time I have been working on a pamphlet on property. I am asking the Duane Press to send you a set of the galleys. It has occurred to me that you might like to have a special edition with the imprint of the League for Industrial Democracy or that you might like to have an edition with the imprint of the Socialist Party. You may have these at the rate of \$37.50 per thousand, plus transportation charges, the exact charge of the printer to me.

If you desire a special edition, will you let me know promptly, in order that we may make arrangements with the printer?

Cordially yours,

P.S. I am sending a set of galleys to Clarence Senior.

KP/L

February 15, 1935.

Dear Harold:

I am asking the Duane Press to send you a set of galleye of my new pamphlet entitled "Property". You may have a special Fellowship edition with your own imprint at the rate of \$37.50 per thousand, plus transportation charges, the exact charge of the printer to me.

You are in no sense obliged to make use of this pamphlet as you well know. In any event I will bring it out with the Eddy and Page imprint. If you want a special Fellowship edition you may have it.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Harold Foy,
2929 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

KP/L

February 18, 1938.

Mr. Clarence Senior,
Socialist Party of the U.S.A.,
549 Randolph Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Clarence Senior:

For a long time I have been working on a pamphlet on property. I am asking the Duane Press to send you a set of the galleys. It has occurred to me that you might like to have a special edition with the imprint of the Socialist Party. You may have these at the rate of \$37.50 per thousand, plus transportation charges, the exact charge of the printer to me.

If you desire a special edition, will you let me know promptly, in order that we may make arrangements with the printer?

Cordially yours,

KP/L

February 15, 1935.

Dear Devere:

It was characteristically thoughtful of you to write as you did. It is a source of great grief to me that we cannot see each other more often. I have never traveled so continuously and spoken so frequently as I am doing these days. The response is literally thrilling! Frequently I run across your tracks and glory in all the fine work you are doing.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Devere Allen,
Wilton, Conn.

KP/L

February 15, 1935.

Mr. R. L. Donnan,
Y.M.C.A.,
Ashtabula, Ohio

My dear Mr. Donnan:

Let me thank you for your letter of February 11th. I had a grand time in your city and I am grateful for the privilege. Do keep me in touch with developments.

Cordially yours,

KP/L

February 15, 1935.

Dr. B. F. Lamb,
The Ohio Council of Churches,
44 East Broad Street,
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Friend Lamb:

It was kind of you to write as you did.
I had a great time at your conference, and thank
you for the privilege of having a small part. I
glory in the work you are doing.

Cordially yours,

KP/L

February 15, 1935.

Mr. Lewis G. Robinson,
833 Oak Street,
Ludlow, Ky.

My dear Mr. Robinson:

It was good of you to write me so frankly about the reference to my talk in Columbus. In my address I made it clear that you cannot fairly indict an organization and pointed out that not all members of the American Legion hold the same convictions. I then went on to say that many of the officers of the American Legion seem to me to be propagating a type of patriotism with special emphasis on armed preparedness, which seems to be highly provocative and dangerous to the peace of the world. Surely it is clear that advocates of armed preparedness in Japan and other countries make it more difficult for the peace forces in the United States. For the same reason I am convinced that campaigns for armed preparedness in this country are highly damaging to world peace. It is obvious that the American Legion engages in this sort of campaign.

Moreover many officers of the American Legion seem to me to be a menace to the peace of the world because they are endeavoring to prevent pacifists and advocates of other means of defense than military defense from getting access to the public schools. From my point of view it is very dangerous to indoctrinate young people with the doctrines of armed preparedness and to deny them information concerning pacifism and non-military defense. For these reasons I am strongly convinced that many officers and members of the American Legion are a menace to the peace of the world.

Sincerely yours,

KP/L

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Washington, D.C., February 15, 1935

Dear Friends of the National Peace Council:

I have just seen the President re the maneuvers in the Aleutian Islands. I left with him the following letter, which summarizes my interview.

My dear Mr. President:

As I came through Japan I found many of our Americans there deeply concerned about the proposed maneuvers of our fleet this summer in the Aleutian Islands. It is recognized by all that we have a perfect right to hold the maneuvers there or anywhere in our own possessions. This will be regarded, however unjustly, as a provocative act by many in Japan and America. We have a perfect right, I repeat, to have our maneuvers in our own waters and the Japanese do not have the right to hold maneuvers in our waters. Yet to insist upon having our maneuvers in the Aleutian Islands will, I fear, produce the same effect upon the Japanese as it would upon America if the Japanese Admiral should announce that they would hold their maneuvers off the coasts of the Philippines, Hawaii, and California.

A glance at the map reveals this chain of islands extending for 1,200 miles southeast from Alaska, as the Japanese feel, "like a spearpoint", toward the Kurile Islands of Japan. At their extremities, these islands are only a few hundred miles apart. The Japanese navy, like the army, is honeycombed with secret societies among the younger officers, who are averse to Japanese capitalism and crooked politics, who are in sympathy with the suffering peasants, and who want a stern, simple, disciplined Samurai military dictatorship.

If our maneuvers are held in the Aleutians, a single young fanatical super-patriot, or group of younger officers in a sea-plane or destroyer, or even a fishing vessel, might commit an act, or precipitate an "incident", that would cause war. I think it is quite certain that the vast majority of the people both in America and in Japan do not want war, but friendly relations with each other. I fear it is equally certain that there is a very small number both in America and in Japan who do want war and who would welcome any occasion or incident or accident that would precipitate it. Many of us would deprecate playing into the hands of those who do want war by holding the maneuvers in the Aleutian Islands.

I have read the announcement by Secretary Swanson that no vessel of the United States Fleet will approach within 2,000 miles of Japan, but there is no such distance between the extremities of the Aleutian and the Kurile Islands, and the Japanese fleet is not anchored at some convenient point 2,000 miles away.

There are many of us who believe that it is not yet too late, without a retreat or loss of "face" to have these maneuvers held at some other place than the Aleutian Islands. A large and growing number in this country are deeply concerned over this matter, and will feel that they must do all that lies within the power of democracy to mobilize public opinion against a possible war in foreign lands or waters, which might result from any incident connected with such a seemingly provocative act.

Very Sincerely yours,

(Signed) SHERWOOD EDDY

I hope your National Peace Council group will get an early interview with the President. He is very suave and plausible, "charming" and diplomatic. He will undoubtedly try to bluff you off as he did me. He will draw you a little map of the triangle where the maneuvers are to be held, from the end of the Aleutian Islands nearest Japan on the west to Hawaii and Panama, and show that they are "purely defensive." He will say, or almost say, that as a matter of fact, the real maneuvers are not to be held in the Aleutians and it was never intended that they should be. But if you ask if he will state this in public, he hedges and does not want to. He says that if we retreat now before Japan's indirect protest and propaganda perhaps next time we shall be asked to withdraw from Hawaii, or even the Pacific.

When I said that if the maneuvers were to be held in the Aleutians 13,000 pastors who have taken their stand for peace might mobilize and hold their maneuvers against this provocative act, he replied that he would be ready to answer these pastors and that they should keep their feet on the earth. I think he will try to bluff off any committee or group as he did me.

I suggest the following:

1. Let the National Peace Council seek to see the President as soon as possible. First plead that he state to the country definitely that the maneuvers are not to be held in the Aleutians. If he will not, show the coast-to-coast maneuvers we are to hold, not only in May but from now on.
2. I shall ask Rabbi Mann of Chicago to approach Mrs. Roosevelt that she may ask the President to say unequivocally that the maneuvers are not to be held there.
3. In an early press conference, preferably after the above take place, Richard W. Hogue, of 125 Third Street, N.E., Washington, would be prepared to get the right press man to ask the President about the maneuvers, giving him the opportunity to assure the country that they will not be held there.
4. If all the above fail, by March 1st at latest we should, in my judgement, advance along the whole front, mobilize public opinion against the maneuvers, appeal to our 13,000 pacifist ministers for a Sunday in March to preach against

the provocative maneuvers in the Aleutians, use the radio, every address in every place, the press, the mails, rain telegrams and letters upon the President, Secretary of State and Senator Pittman, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and move heaven and earth to make this the most unnecessary and unpopular possible war that was ever prepared for. It is a wonderful text upon which to speak for peace and I shall be speaking daily upon it from now on for the next four months.

Very sincerely yours,

Sherwood

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February 16, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Kirby:

For some time a group of us have felt the need of a period for study of the Life and Teachings of Jesus and for frank intimate talk about the task of Religion in our modern world. We are proposing, as you will see from the enclosed letter, that such a study group be held at Estes Park this summer. We would meet for three weeks prior to the Hazen Conference. The approximate dates would be July 20 to August 10. The group would include twenty-five or thirty of our own crowd, - staff members, faculty advisors, younger ministers.

We want you to take the leadership of the evening series, which would be a discussion of the relation of the Christian Religion to the important issues of the day. You would open the sessions with your statement and then chair and lead the discussion which followed.

While we are not in a position to offer an honorarium we would take care of your expenses and would be happy to provide a little cottage for the family if you can bring them along.

Awaiting your early reply and trusting that you can include this proposal in your summer schedule, I am

As ever,

Harold
Harold Colvin.

HWC:MMS

February 18, 1935.

Mr. Harold Colvin,
114 East Ninth Street,
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Harold:

Your important letter of February 16th is at hand. While I am intensely interested in the conference about which you write, unfortunately it will not be possible for me to be with you. I am away from home so much during the academic year that I am planning to be with my family through the summer. From July 23rd to July 28th all of us are going to be at the beach at Santa Cruz, where I am giving a series of addresses in the evenings before the state convention of the Disciples of Christ. I regret exceedingly therefore that I cannot have a part in this important venture.

Cordially yours,

February 18, 1935.

Dear Sherwood:

I was glad to get your report of the conference with the President and I like your letter to the members of the National Peace Council.

Should we invite Henry Crane to become a member of our Fellowship group? He is willing to come down for the meeting on March 21st if we want to include him in the group. If you favor this idea, will you please send Jess a copy of a letter from you to the various members of the group asking for permission to invite Henry to become a permanent member of the group.

I am expecting to be in Chicago on Saturday, February 23rd, and will plan to stay at the Hotel Fort Dearborn, as I understand that there is a possibility that you may be in Chicago at that time.

I had a marvelous time at the Northfield Student Conference over the week-end.

Affectionately,

Jerusalem Young Men's Christian Association

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18th February, 1935.

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Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York
U.S.A.

My Dear Kirby,

I have wanted often to write you about our life and work here in Palestine. We came here partly to study the back ground of Jesus Life. We have been much absorbed in trying to build a worthy religious program in this magnificent Y.M.C.A. building.

It is far the hardest job I ever tackled. Moslem Turkey's long rule here has left a deep, sad mark on the life of Palestine. Most of the population is Moslem. The Zionist Jewish movement hopes soon to surpass the Moslem population in numbers. That leaves the Christians with life crushed out of them by Turkish rule, alarmed and embittered by the tide of well financed Jewish immigration and cynical for their future. The economical, cultural and moral life is at a low mark in all groups. What we need is a Christian Community of such vitality, such vigor, such charm as could serve well these Moslem and Jewish communities and show them the way to the rich full life which Jesus lived here and hoped every one else might live.

I don't know what caused it but the old Eastern Churches - Greek Orthodox etc., are dead, under a mass of ritual and form. The Anglican Church which is our other leading Church has much more life. It too is too ritualistic for revolutionary youth. And it is strongly suspicioned by patriotic Palestine as being a tool of the British Government which rules them not by their choice but by a decision of the Versailles treaty of war.

And so our Christianity here is a faded out anemic form of religion. The Christianity we have here has no message to the Moslem and Jewish population. Our first job is to resurrect real Christianity. That is hard, because the Christianity we have here is such a sad caricature of the real thing. We are trying to interest youth in a religion which they see all around them dead and useless. If there were no Christian organization here it would be easier.

Our Association stands here in a difficult but highly potential position. We have the finest building of any kind in the Near East. Many of the finest youths of the city find here their social and recreational home. Our membership is made

Mr. Kirby Page

18th February, 1935.

up of 32 races and of fifteen religions. We are trying to be sincere useful friends to all groups. Many of the groups find it next to impossible to credit us with unselfish motives. When we tell them that we want to serve them even if they never join our Church they are "From Missouri." When we tell them we are Christian Missionaries eager to help them find God and life abundant but will not measure our work by how many of them became Baptists they think "But there aint no such Animal."

Here is something of the whirlwind of Psychology in which we are trying to build a religious program which will challenge the youth of this city to "Bet their lives on God."

Anglican Missionary. "How many souls have been converted in your building this year?"

Jewish Athlete. "Can we have some games on your athletic field even if we do'nt join a Bible class?"

Moslem teacher. "I see you are having a meeting when Dr. Totah is to speak on "Why I'm a Christian." Would you let a Moslem speak in the Y. on "Why I'm a Moslem?"

Young Christian. "Why do I have to go to Church? You stand through a two hours service in a language I do'nt understand hearing the repetition of prayers written eight hundred years ago?"

Member of the Y.M.C.A. Board. "I move that the Board instruct the Religious work Secretary not to conduct any more meetings on Marriage, Sex Education and social conditions. We want religious meetings"

800 Y.M.C.A. Members. "If we cant discuss marriage and the questions that interest us most at the Sunday meeting then we will go to the movie on Sunday"

Well once long ago there walked these hills and dusty streets' the only man who ever lived life the way we want to live it. He is not dead. "His ancient power worketh still." Out from this turbulent city there may yet go to a strife torn world the good news of peace among men of all races and life abundant for every man. To this end we will work on grateful for the high privilege.

It would give me courage to hear from you.

Cordially,



Arthur Rugh.

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FIRST WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WILLIAM W. STODDART, MINISTER
712 BLONDEAU STREET
KEOKUK, IOWA

February 18, 1935


Dear Mr. Page:

Today your book, "National Defense," came, in reply to my inquiries, and I am enclosing \$1.00, with many thanks for your kindness. It is a very full and able treatise on the question, and will be of service to me on many occasions, I can assure you.

It was my son at Princeton Theological Seminary who once wrote you after your sending out your first questionnaire to the ministers in 1930 or 31, asking whether you would send it to the Theological students. You replied that it was too late, but that you would remember it the next time. Which, of course, was done last year. He was an ardent pacifist. He died in August, 1931, at 25 years. I am publishing a book of his life, and it was for this that I needed the sources of the quotations I sent you. When it is out I will reciprocate your kindness. It has your name in it.

Most sincerely yours,

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.


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February 19, 1935.

Hon. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Page:

Agreeably with the request contained in your letter of the fifteenth day of February, I inclose herewith six copies of S.1442, in which you are so deeply interested.

With the best of wishes and the kindest of regards, I am, always,

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. M. Neely". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first "M" being particularly large and stylized.

JAMES G. WARREN
820 ROOSEVELT BUILDING
727 WEST SEVENTH STREET
LOS ANGELES

February 19, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
240 South Bright Ave.
Whittier, California.

My dear Mr. Page,

Kindly pardon me for not sooner acknowledging your letter of January 9th and thanking you for the two additional copies of your book which you sent me. On account of serious eye trouble I have not been able to read, but will be glad to hand them to some people who will be interested to read them.

Referring to your letter, you are quite right in understanding that I "do not share all of the opinions which you hold". However, I do admire your sterling Christian character and your desire to bring into the relationship between men the spirit of Jesus.

I was very much interested to hear you state your economic views with which I am not altogether in agreement. I do hope that the days of unbridled speculation and the assuming of debts by practically all of our people in amounts which they had no reasonable expectation of ever being able to pay, will not again return. In my judgment the foregoing are the main causes of our present depression and not the capitalistic system, in which I thoroughly believe. The right of the individual to the enjoyment of the results of his own ability, initiative and thrift is inherent to our people. I believe it has been the exception and not the rule that employers have exploited their employees. If our present system can be shot through with Christianity and all of us be guided by the teachings of Jesus in the conduct of our business, our country will again prosper. Indeed, it has been my experience, as I have talked with hundreds of employers, both large and small, that the overwhelming majority have been concerned first of all with the welfare of their employees.

I believe the genius and spirit of our people will not prove a fertile soil for Communism. I am, however, in no way opposed to free discussion if the note of patriotism and love of country prevails.

I am glad you are out here now and hope to see you frequently. I am expecting to go east within the next few weeks for an operation upon my left eye. I had an operation last August and have since had no sight in my right eye. I am anxious, of course, to preserve my sight, physically, as well as mentally and spiritually.

Fraternally yours,

James G. Warren

JGW:P

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Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
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Dear Kirby:

Thanks for having your printer send us a galley proof of your new pamphlet. I like it very much with one or two minor exceptions. I am sending the galley down to Andy Biemiller in Milwaukee. He's the chairman of the education committee. Anything we put out has to be o.k.'d by the committee. I will ask him to write direct to you.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

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The Rev. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Kirby:

I am sending in my application today for membership in the Fellowship of Reconciliation. It is something that I have considered several times in past years, and so far as my attitude and purpose are concerned, I might have joined this Fellowship many years ago. I am not much of a joiner, and there are many different peace organizations. This one perhaps comes nearest to my own personal views. I write you this because the application came with a letter from you, and to me my joining such an organization is not an every-day or ordinary affair.

The real purpose of my writing, however, is to assure you that I would like very much to have you spend several days at Cornell this spring or next autumn when you can get it in. In the fifteen years I have been here no one has come nearer reaching the heart of a Cornell audience than you have done. I am not much of a money raiser, but if you can give us a date I believe that we can meet the conditions, and it is a major desire on my part that you should have another chance at this Cornell situation.

As ever

Faithfully your friend,

Hugh A. Moran

Hugh A. Moran.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
WHEATON COLLEGE
NORTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Feb. 20, 1935.

Dear Mr Page,

I was very much
upset when I found that you
were resting and I could not
speak to you before I left the
conference. all weekend I wanted
to have a talk with you; but
one committee meeting after
another kept me busy.

Let me thank you very

sincerely for the splendid work you did at the conference. I personally was thrilled and helped by your splendid contribution. Your Sunday morning talk was just the grandest way of closing the conference. I was so impressed that I could not even take notes, yet I can quote today the points that you made in regard to Christianity. Again let me say thanks for what you did.

It may interest you to know that a man who was taking military training at the university of New

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Hampshire went away from the conference convinced that a true Christian would not take up arms. He went back to college with the plan of changing his course.

If you have been following the development of the Student Christian Movement in New England and have some comments or criticisms as to things we could do to be more effective, I would surely appreciate hearing from you.

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I, you have been following the development of the Student Christian Movement in New England and have some comments or criticisms as to things we could do to be more effective; I would surely appreciate hearing from you.

You probably don't remember me at
all; but three years ago I was ~~at~~
the conference at Cedar Hill at which
you were the main speaker. Then I
was a bit too immature to appreciate
some of the things you were saying;
but I have surely come to see
the value of the Christian socialist
view point.

The Northfield conference is surely
indebted to you for making us think
and face the facts of our own lives.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Carpenter

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February 19, 1935

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Quincy L. Bowen

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Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City

My dear Kirby:

Since I had been commissioned to get in touch with you for our Chicago meeting in the first place, I have been given the privilege of sending you the enclosed check. May I take this opportunity to thank you for the masterly piece of work you did. You certainly made a great case. One of the astonishing things about our present situation is the distance which that group has come in the past two or three years. If you had given that same address to that crowd a few years ago my guess is that a good many of them would have been up in arms. But if there was any such resistance the other night, I did not detect it. Instead there seemed to be only sincere appreciation.

Your address was quoted at various times during the next two days. I am sure it helped to make the program, "Christian Youth Building a New World" realistic and deep cutting. I believe we have made some real progress during the past week in forwarding that youth movement and thank you for your part in it.

I am only sorry that my suggestion to them that they make more use of you than they did was not followed. Apparently their schedule was too crowded. But we should have used you in the afternoon as well as in the evening. Nevertheless, I am grateful that we had that one hour for your message. Strength to your arm!

I have just read your article in The Christian Century, on "The Christian Revolution." It is good, but the question you raise about a united front with other groups at points where we agree is a very much disputed question. I have had some recent conferences with Harry Ward and he of course looks upon this problem from a somewhat different viewpoint. I confess that I do not see to the bottom of that problem as yet. I really wonder if you and Ward are as far apart as each of you seems to believe.

Cordially yours,

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February 20, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Kirby:

I have a feeling that I failed personally to make you feel how much I appreciated your magnificent work at the Conference. I was tired enough and relaxed enough to be rather woozy that night as I saw you off at the station. But, however, that may have been, I want you to know that you did a grand job in every way and the clamoring of the delegations for more of your time certainly is a demonstration of their appreciation of your service to them.

Another time we shall take very seriously your judgment about the desirability of having a more uninterrupted relationship to the whole conference. As soon as the announcements of your 1935 and 1936 program arrive, we will begin process of filling up your New England dates.

I see great possibilities in the discussion we had about Christian students in politics and as soon as you give us a free date, we shall set up a preliminary group of a dozen or fifteen people. That seems to me to be the thing that we have been feeling for during the last few weeks.

With deepest appreciation and warmest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Bill
W. J. Kitchen

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February 21st/35

Dear Dr Page:-

I wish at this time to express my appreciation of your article "A Christian Revolution" in the Christian Century of February 20th. It seems hardly right to say that Harry Ward is "communistically inclined" I believe if Harry Ward sanctioned the communists, he would join their party. We had him with us for ten days at the Alberta School of Religion and I would not say that he bears any resemblance to the communists we know.

I was so taken with your article, that I was moved as I have been before to ask you to give us a series of lectures at the Alberta School of Religion in August of this year

I am enclosing two previous programmes which will give you something of our view point and purpose and history. The provisional dates for this year are August 13-23 if it should be possible for you to be with us, we would like to have ten morning and two or three evening lectures.

As to honorarium. We have no endowment, but, shall endeavor to make arrangements satisfactory to you

I was a subscriber to "The World Tomorrow" Sorry it had to discontinue

I do not know your address, but, believe I read somewhere you were in California. I am now addressing this C/o Christian Century, hoping it may reach you O.K.

Yours faithfully,

H. M. Horricks

copy

February 21, 1935.

Editor,
Christian Century,
440 S. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

There is one statement in Mr. Kirby Page's article, "A Christian Revolution" that the Student L.I.D. wishes to correct. He declares "that the Student League for Industrial Democracy has likewise refused to enter into a united front with the National Student League which is dominated by Communists."

At their Christmas convention in 1933, the Student L.I.D. offered to the N.S.L. a national pact calling for joint action between our two organizations on the issues of retrenchment, academic freedom, racial discrimination. Under that pact our two organizations have worked together harmoniously. At our Christmas convention at Northwestern University this year, the pact was renewed.

Sincerely yours,

JPL:FL
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National Secretary
Student L.I.D.

Kingfisher, Oklahoma,

February 22, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Page:

I am writing a series of daily devotions to be used in a calendar pad like the one for which I enclose a sample. I should like to have permission to quote from your booklet, "The Sword of the Cross." The enclosed carbon copy shows exactly how the quotation is to be used.

Enclosed is a stamped envelope for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

John W. Fluckey

JWF:L

DeQueen, Ark. Feb. 23rd. 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page.
Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

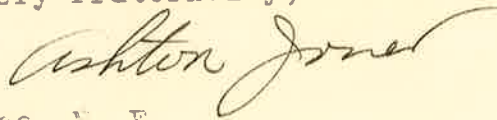
My dear Kirby:-

Just a few lines in connection with the inclosed story which appears in the DeQueen Daily Citizen. This is the first opportunity I have had to get this in print. I only hope in some way this story will help to quell the mob spirit which exists so strongly in our South-land. This is my first experience with this kind of psychology and may something good come out of the publicity which can be given to it.

You can just bet I am enjoying every minute of my life and I was ready to be swung up, if it had been God's will the other night. I am ready now to go the whole limit for my convictions of what it means to really follow the spirit of Christ within.

With the very best good wishes to you and asking a continued interest in your prayers, I am

Very fraternally,



959 Highland Terrace, N. E.
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February 23, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Page:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter from the student who was at the Blue Ridge Conference. You may remember that I spoke to you about him at the Mt. Vernon Church the night of the F.O.R. meeting. This letter I think is self-explanatory.

James R. Stokely is the nephew of my friend, Anna May Stokely, to whom the letter was sent in Lima, Peru. James R.'s father died very suddenly when James R. was in school. He is expected to have a part in the Stokely Brothers Canning Company, of which his father had been manager. You can easily imagine how difficult it is for him to try to work through some of the ideas you brought him into, at the conference, with his inheritance of "big business." This business has been built up in one generation by a family which has very high ideals. I have more respect for them each summer I visit them in Newport, Tennessee.

One covets for a man like James R. coming to know you and getting some direction in his reading and thinking. We have seen many students shaken out of their traditional ideas here in Boston, and have an increasing appreciation of the thing you are helping students to grow into.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,



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February 23, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page:

We are preparing our annual SPEAKERS BUREAU announcement for the season 1935-36 and are eager to include your name as heretofore.


For purposes of our announcement and for later publicity we need to have the enclosed biographical statement brought up-to-date or revised as you may desire. Please also let us have a list of subjects you will be interested to speak on next season from which we may select three or four for the printed announcement. Please indicate any new requirements as to fees.

Then we would like to have word from you as to the possible periods that you could be in Chicago during the fall and winter. Out of the alternate periods which you may suggest we shall select the one that seems to be most favorable.

Because of the increasing number of persons and organizations in Chicago conducting speakers bureaus, we have come to the conclusion that our most effective work can be done only by having exclusive representation in this territory of speakers who appear on our list. In your case it will mean that we shall have to count upon exclusive management during the period for which we take responsibility and expect all direct requests to be referred to us. We believe that you will lose nothing by doing so but rather that you will be aided through our being able to coordinate as well as to supplement engagements.

We shall be grateful for your prompt reply.

Cordially yours,


FRED ATKINS MOORE
Executive Director

First Congregational Church

REV. ARTHUR R. MACDOUGALL JR.
PASTOR

BINGHAM, MAINE

Bingham, Maine,
February 23, 1935.

Mr. Kirby Page,
New York City,
New York State.

Dear Mr. Page,

I want to put before ^{you} a real need which I believe the Protestant Clergy as a whole would recognize. It is the need of "unquestioned facts," -- I quote from an article of yours in the February 20, 1935, Christian Century.

For example, why shouldn't some magazine make that an editorial policy? Let it fill its pages with digested information on the various phases of present day social and economic problems.

And yet, inspite of this vital need which all preacher's feel, no magazine actually attempts to supply this serious homiletical field. We are obliged to glean from so many sources, and often are unable to fasten real authority to material which we are used, and, as a result, are plagued with uncertainty concerning sources. For example, you state in your excellent article that the British communist party has enrolled only 5000 members. What authority have I, except in this case your own reputation, if I quote this? Furthermore, I wonder just what the communist party enrolls in France, and other countries. Somewhere I have a card which bears the figures for the United States, of course. I should like to complete that item. I may need it very much. Etc. Etc.

Do you not see how much the average preacher need facts and figures backed with source, etc?

Don't you think that such a magazine -- seeking to work in this field-- would be a great enrichment in American preaching. From it a preacher could cut and file the material he continually wishes he had at his fingers' end. Please consider this. I think that you are the man to do this.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur R. MacDougall Jr.

First Congregational Church

HERBERT C. GANS, Pastor
FLINT, MICHIGAN

Parsonage
218 Josephine Street

February 25th, 1935

Mr. Kirby Page,
347 Madison Ave.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page:-

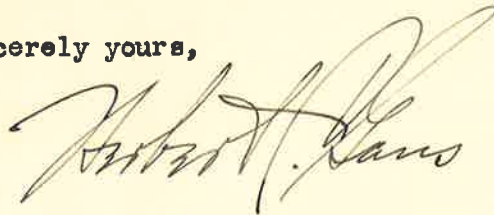
I am enclosing herewith a list of those who are most interested in the L.I.D. locally and in its national program.

It was a great pleasure to have you with us and from comments heard today I am sure that your address yesterday will help a great deal in getting us a better hearing in the future. I am particularly pleased that so many of the members of this church were present to hear you and am carrying on the work with them in discussing at our Church Night for the next three weeks the subject, "The Christian Society." I am going to ask Dr. Balassap to give us his point of view on one of those evenings.

May I add that it was for me a great pleasure to me you and especially to have you measure up to the high expectations which I had as a result of Eleanor's account of you. She was of course delighted to meet you again, and, you will know I am not being facetious when I add, suffered no ill effects from the meeting of last evening.

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Would it be possible for you to autograph a copy of "Living Creatively" and "Living Triumphantly" and have your office send me the bill.

Sincerely yours,



92 Orient Way
Rutherford, New Jersey
February 25, 1935

Rev. Kirby Page
3947 Gosman Avenue
Long Island City
New York

Dear Dr. Page:

This is just a word of appreciation for two books of yours which have fallen into my hands in recent days. I refer to your "Individualism and Socialism" and "Triumphant Living." I was visiting with Scott Nearing's friends, the Knothe's, in New Hampshire last summer and made the acquaintance of the former book. I took it to my summer place in Townsend, Massachusetts, and had a great time with it.

I am preaching in this little town in the Unitarian Church. I am teaching in Jersey City also. I have drawn on your "Individualism and Socialism" a great deal for sermon material this winter.

I am writing this in particular to ask you how you would answer this question: "What is Required of Business Ethically?" The men of my church challenge me on a good many of my socialistic views. I have challenged them on this question. I have promised to preach a sermon on it. Just what are the ethical obligations of a business in your opinion? I will appreciate it if you will state them to me, one, two, three. I am not asking that you should preach this sermon, but I want to check my judgment on the matter. I have asked my men to reply to this sermon, to summon me to a meeting, attack my position, agree with it, supplement it; in fact, do as they like with me, when I have finished with this theme. I am sending for Thomas' "Human Exploitation" with this letter. I want to be constructive in my talk, and I want to advertise it in the local paper.

Cordially yours,

Hubert A. Wright

NEW LEADER

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE
SOCIALIST AND LABOR MOVEMENTS

February 26th, 1935

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Kirby Page
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Comrade Page:

I tried to reach you at your office a number of times, but without success.

I understand that you will be back in New York on the fourth of March. A Committee of The New Leader would like to confer with you on an urgent matter and would, therefore, appreciate your setting the time, place and hour.

Received

I trust you will let me hear from you just as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,

S. M. Levitas
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CITY HOUSING CORPORATION

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February 27, 1935.

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New York City

TO THE HOME OWNERS - SUNNYSIDE GARDENS:

We wrote you on August 1, 1934 advising that the City Housing Corporation had filed a petition to reorganize under the new Federal Corporate Reorganization Act. In the meantime the Company has been endeavoring to work out a plan of reorganization, and also to secure additional working capital. The plan has not yet been completed.

It has come to our attention that recently the Consolidated Home Owners Mortgage Committee has been issuing bulletins which we consider in many respects unfair and frequently inaccurate. We have refrained from answering these bulletins because we did not desire to enter into a controversy with the Committee. We believed that the home owners, through their personal dealings with the Company, understood the situation and needed no further explanation from us. A number of home owners have, however, suggested that we send a letter to clarify our position with regard to the mortgages on Sunnyside homes and to clear up any misunderstandings which may have arisen.

In the first place, we want you to know that the Company does not own any of the first mortgages or senior participations at Sunnyside. It has guaranteed the payment of all of these mortgages to those owning them and has been designated as agent to collect the monthly charges. The holders of these mortgages look to the City Housing Corporation for the faithful collection by them of monthly charges. Our obligation therefore to the holders of these mortgages is two-fold: first, it is that of an agent to use his best endeavors on behalf of his employer, and second as guarantor for payment of the mortgage principal and interest. The City Housing Corporation has received absolutely no relief on this guaranty from the mortgagees. Furthermore, it is not known whether any relief will be granted on this guaranty. About two years ago, we agreed with the Committee to endeavor to secure a reduction of interest from the holders of first mortgages. We accordingly tried very hard to secure such a reduction. Unfortunately, however, we were successful with only a small percentage. In these cases the home owners were notified and their monthly charges reduced.

The second mortgages and junior participations at Sunnyside are pledged by us with the Irving Trust Company, as Trustee, to secure an issue of Sunnyside bonds. The bonds were sold to the general public some years ago. There are approximately one thousand bondholders, many of whom are today in as bad straits as some of the Sunnyside home owners. The City Housing Corporation is obligated to the Trustee and to the bondholders to use its best efforts to collect principal and interest on the second mortgages and also to see that interest is paid on the first mortgages. It is of vital importance to the holder of a second mortgage to see that taxes and interest on the first mortgage are paid. Otherwise his second mortgage becomes subject to additional liens because of the accumulation of prior charges. We have, therefore, no choice in the matter, and it is for this reason that we have had to insist that taxes and first mortgage interest be paid, even if there was no immediate pressure from the first mortgagee.

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but the interest had to be paid on approximately one-half of the outstanding Sunnyside bonds (the holders of which were unwilling to postpone). In no case has interest been waived. Notes have been given to bondholders for all unpaid interest and these notes bear interest. In connection with our reorganization, we do not believe it would be possible for us to secure any reduction of principal or of interest and we have, therefore, never contemplated any such reductions on the Sunnyside bond indenture. Any statements to the contrary by the Committee are entirely unfounded.

We are not pressing the home owners for payment of the present outstanding arrears owed to City Housing Corporation for junior mortgage interest, or for the many thousands of dollars which the Company has advanced for the home owners for first mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, water and garden upkeep. Prior to January 1, 1934, it was the practice of the Company to advance cash for such deficiencies where they had not been collected from the home owners, in order to keep the first mortgages in good standing. However, since that time we have not had funds available for this purpose and therefore have been compelled to look to the home owners for payment of subsequent deficiencies. We wish to point out that while the mortgage terms provide for payment of interest on home owners' arrears, we have never charged such interest, although we are charged interest on deferred interest arrears owed to bondholders. We shall continue, to the extent of our ability as outlined above, to make special payment arrangements with home owners who are temporarily unable to pay their full charges, provided such special payments are made regularly.

We have been informed that home owners are being urged to withhold payment of all monthly charges, pending results of negotiations which we understand the Committee intends to initiate for reduction of mortgage interest at Sunnyside. Without doubt, such negotiations will take many months. It is unfair in the meantime to expect the Company to allow monthly payments to accumulate unpaid. To do so would be a breach of trust to the bondholders, and they would not permit us to stand idly by and see their securities seriously jeopardized.

There is another aspect of the matter which I think should be brought to your attention. Thus far the second mortgage bondholders have permitted City Housing Corporation to act in collecting sums required to make interest payment on the second mortgage bonds. There has, however, been a default on our part in the payment of that interest and the second mortgage bondholders are entitled to demand that the Irving Trust Company, as Trustee of the second mortgage bonds, act instead of City Housing Corporation in protecting the interests of these defaulted bonds. These bondholders now have a committee, of which Mr. George W. Alger is Counsel. The Committee and its Counsel have been disturbed by the apparent attitude of the Sunnyside Mortgage Committee. It is our hope that conditions will not arise which will make this Committee and its Counsel feel that a radical step should be taken by them to protect these bondholders or to make them feel that the City Housing Corporation is insufficiently protecting the present interests of the second mortgage bondholders.

The depression has created a very difficult situation for many Sunnyside residents and for the City Housing Corporation. It has been a hard time for both. We believe that we have recognized our social obligation in our treatment of home owners in distress to the very utmost of the financial ability of the Company, which has finally been compelled to file a petition under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Law. We believe that the Mortgage Committee is making demands that are unreasonable and unattainable.

We have always taken a great pride in Sunnyside. We still do. We know that it is considered one of the outstanding housing developments in America. We believe that the future of Sunnyside and the best interests of its home owners are being seriously jeopardized by the extreme attitude of the Committee, and this at a time when a revival of real estate values coupled with a gradual increase in rentals may be near at hand. We hope that this letter will clarify the situation and will be glad to give you any further information if desired.

Yours very truly,

CITY HOUSING CORPORATION,
By Alexander M. Bing, President.

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February 27, 1935.

June 25-29

Mr. Kirby Page;
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Page:-

Thank you for your letter of February 14, which contains the pleasant information that you will be with us for a few days of our Institute. We are building our Institute around morning study groups, one of which is to discuss the economics of interdependence and related subjects. It would be very fine if you would plan to meet with that group in particular, although you will probably find yourself on the program for other speeches.

Since every discussion group will be under the direction of a local leader, it will be quite possible for you to take an active part for only half of the period and leave here on the evening of the 29th if you cannot remain longer. That can be arranged later.

If you would like to suggest bibliographies and study plans which would be sent to members of this group before they arrive at the Institute, it would be a great help. The discussion group leader will prepare such material with the help of the Institute's librarian, but any suggestions from you would be most helpful.

We will send you any material which we publish from time to time in order that you will know how the plans for the Institute are going along. If there is any information which you would like to have, please let me know.

Thank you heartily for planning to come.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Rusk

MARVIN MICHAEL
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

301 North State Street
February 27, 1935

Dear Mr. Page:

I heard you speak in this city last night, but did not get an opportunity to ask you a question I had in mind. In defending my stand that to take life is wrong - under all circumstances - my opponents have put me in this hypothetical position: I am between a maniac and a hundred of my friends. The maniac and I each have a machine gun, and the only two alternatives I have are to (1) kill (not just disable) the maniac to prevent him from killing my hundred friends, or (2) allow him to kill the 101 of us. I say I would take the second alternative, but they say that in doing so I would be (1) just as guilty of murder in letting the maniac do the killing as if I had killed all 100 of my friends myself, and they argue that these 101 lives are worth more than the life of the one maniac. And they say (2) that I am guilty of suicide if I allow the maniac to kill me instead of availing myself of my opportunity to kill him first. I differ with my opponents here, believing that in not killing the maniac, I am not guilty of (1) murder and (2) suicide. I naturally assume that you agree with me on this, but what concrete reasons would you present to prove the point? I was unable, offhand, to give any good reasons why I would not be guilty in the above situation, and hence ask your help.

The power of money, under our present economic system, is quite obvious, and the failure of very worthwhile projects because of insufficient financial backing has frequently come to my attention. I am 22 years of age, and for 4 or 5 years I have held the idea that God would prefer to have the good that could be accomplished by a man and \$500,000 than only the good which could be accomplished by a man without the help of money. Hence, my life objective has been, and is, to accumulate wealth (as an aeronautical engineer) and then utilize the power of my money in doing more good along the lines of promoting world peace, social insurance, providing help to worthy college students who are working their way through school (in the form of loans or part time jobs - maybe also scholarships), and other worthwhile projects. You say that (1) I'll never amass \$500,000, (2) or if I do, I'll not use it as I now plan - that I'll be either a miser or squander it on luxuries, and that (3) during the amassing of my wealth I'll become so engrossed in it that I'll lose interest in my final objectives. To (1), I agree that amassing \$500,000 is no simple task, especially in the face of increasing taxes and counter legislation, however, the economies I have learned as a minister's son and in working my way through three years of college should be a big help to me in reaching this objective. After living in the comparative poverty of a minister's family this much of my life, I had entertained the idea of indulging in a few little luxuries for

a change, but within the last 2 or 3 years (after reading your "Living Creatively" and similar books) I've abandoned the idea of indulging in any luxuries. To (2) I can say only that I believe I have a stronger will power in such matters than most people. In answer to (3), I plan to keep alive my interest in idealistic projects by devoting some of my time to world peace, etc., while amassing wealth, thus, until I have reached my financial goal, aeronautical engineering will be my vocation and world peace, etc., my avocation. Upon reaching my financial goal, my vocation and avocation will interchange - world peace, etc., will be my vocation (with negative financial returns) and piloting airplanes will be my avocation.

You might ask, "Just how could you do more good with \$500,000 than without it?" In answer, Bruce Barton says, "Let's advertise this Hell" (war) (advertising takes money). Sherwood Eddy says, "Use the printed page to spread your message," and that requires money. Agitation (printed posters, movies, radio), education (printed literature, movies, radio) and organization (secretarial work), which you advocate, take money. Money is required to provide loans, part-time work, and possibly scholarships for worthy self-supporting students. I might conceivably buy a printing plant in a college town, employ students on a part-time basis to print literature advertising the horrors of war, thus killing two birds with one stone: (1) promote world peace and (2) help college students. It seems obvious to me that I could accomplish a thousand-fold more good with money than without. One more reason I have for attempting this ambitious program is to prove to many of my doubting friends that "it can be done," (amass wealth without becoming a miser, and use the money as I have outlined).

The questions I should like to ask you are, "(1) Do you not think that I am pursuing the best possible plan to attain my final objectives, and (2) have you any suggestions, advice, or warnings to offer?"

Would there be any objection to my quoting parts of "Living Creatively" in a little booklet to be printed and given to a few of my friends (giving credit, of course)?

Your answers to my questions will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Marvin Michael

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Broad Street Church of Christ

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FLOYD FAUST, PASTOR

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

February 27, 1935

Dr. Kirby Page
347 Madison Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Page:

It is with great earnestness that I write you this letter, asking your counsel and advice. I shall try to make it as brief as possible, and I am sorry if I inconvenience you. If you do have a moment you could devote to me sometime soon however, I should like a great deal to hear from you regarding my problem.

I will begin by saying that my background was very conservative in every respect, a farm home, and a country minister for a father; he being unusually fine for his day and community, but of the stern, legalistic type of thorough-going Campbellite. My own training includes a B.S. degree from a Quaker College (Wilmington), and an A.B., and M.A. degrees from Ohio State. I will be taking my Ph.D. from O.S.U. this June, in Philosophy.

The other foreword I would posit is that I am entirely happy in my church work here. I have been able to create an atmosphere of freedom here that makes me quite comfortable. I feel I have won in large measure the issues of World Peace, Social Justice, and Inter-racial Brotherhood here over the last six years we have been here. This year for the first I was able to take the absolute pacifist stand in the pulpit on Armistice Day and have the same church leaders who nearly demanded my head over the problem three years ago gather about me tearfully at the close and say they were with me. I was also able to exchange pulpits and choirs with the excellent pastor of our local Second Baptist Church (Colored) on February 10th of this year, with the result of real enthusiasm for a repetition of the experience arising spontaneously from my people. I mention these things, and would also add that I no longer have any difficulty in having my liberal attitude toward our Christian tradition (practically the same as your own) accepted without back-fire, to indicate to you the experience I am having here in my present position.

My problem however is this: I am increasingly convinced that God wants me to crusade particularly for economic salvation at this time, conditions being

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as they are. I feel that men's bodies are an integral part of them, and if the needs of those bodies are not met, both for today and for tomorrow, the God-intended subordination of the body to the "more", to the higher, is reversed, and the mind and spirit are made to become mere slaves of the body, mere instruments for its protection and preservation.

I am further convinced that God needs me right now to crusade for the organization of consumers and laborers, that their will may have an effective expression. It seems to me that this is the next step, the preparatory strategy that must precede the change from production for profit to a socialistic order. In this city we have, in the Ohio Farm Bureau, the largest single cooperative organization in the United States, headed by Mr. Murray Lincoln. We have been in intimate contact and shall continue to be.

It is at this point that I need your advice. Following June, there will be three courses open to me. I can go into College Faculty relationship, and teach; I can remain where I am and work at this interest with what time and effort I can spare from preaching and parish work; or I can affiliate myself with the cooperative movement directly and sever my relationship entirely with the Church I serve, or with organized religion, except as a consecrated member.

I am anxious for your advice. I am also anxious to have you indicate what frontier you feel needs such service as I might render most. If you further could suggest any particular opportunity that you feel, or that your knowledge has acquainted you, in which I might be interested, I would appreciate having you put me in touch with it.

I am not moving rapidly in this matter. This is not a new passion with me. I shall not take any step for some time to come, unless a particular opportunity affords itself, and in no event until after June and my degree; but I do know that I have lost the interest in parish responsibilities in favor of this broader field, and know that I can never fit myself into this work again easily or happily.

I hope I have not bored you, and I realize that to you I am just another young man in whom the spirit is moving for restlessness, but I do need the advice of one in whom I have implicit confidence. Never again can I have such confidence in any man who is "Christian" even though with a vengeance, but who does not recognize the implications of the spirit of Jesus for present hour attitudes. I write to you because you have occupied a "gad-fly" position in my life ever since the eventful conference at Lake Geneva in 1924 when I first learned that being a follower of Jesus does have social implications.

Sincerely,

Floyd Faust

To Kirby Page:

One whose heart God has touched--
One of the few who cared,
One of the few who dared,
One whose soul was clutched,
By the world's woful need--
One who dared to do the Deed!

God Speed!

Charles Blanchard.
University Place,
Des Moines, Iowa.
Feb. 28, 1923.

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